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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 1649

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SUBJ: CONTRACTOR PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY IN IRAN

1. AT END OF CONVERSATION COVERING SEVERAL SUBJECTS
FEBRUARY 13 WITH POL-MIL COUNS, LOCAL GENERAL DYNAMICS
(GD) REP SAID HE HAD HEARD ABOUT POSSIBILITY AMBASSADOR
MIGHT BE SENDING LETTER TO CONTRACTORS MAKING IT A
REQUIREMENT FOR ANY CONTRACTOR HAVING A MEETING WITH
AN IRANIAN FLAG RANK OFFICER TO HAVE AN ARMISH FLAG RANK
OR OTHER MISSION HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL IN ATTENDANCE AT
SUCH MEETING. GD REP ASKED IF THIS WERE TRUE.

2. POL-MIL COUNS SAID THAT AMBASSADOR NOT PLANNING TO
SEND LETTER TO CONTRACTORS. AT SAME TIME, AMBASSADOR
WANTS TO ENSURE THAT ALL ACTIVITIES IN IRAN RELATED TO
SECURITY ASSISTANCE ARE CONDUCTED WITH THE FRAMEWORK
OF THE NEW USG ARMS TRANSFER POLICY, INCLUDING
ADHERENCE TO ALL USG REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS THE
AMENDED ITAR. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE MISSION, THE
CONTRACTORS, AND ALSO THE GOI WORK WITHIN THE FRAME-
WORK, AND MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS, OF THE PRESIDENT'S
POLICY. THE AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT THIS GOAL CAN
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BEST BE ACHIEVED IF EVERYONE WORKS TOGETHER FROM
THE OUTSET.

3. THESE POINTS HAVE BEEN MADE CLEAR TO THE GOI,
INCLUDING GENERAL TOUFANIAN, AND WE ARE ALSO MAKING
IT CLEAR IN EVERY CONTACT WE HAVE WITH CONTRACTORS.
MOST EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE MAKING A CONSIDERABLE

EFFORT TO FOLLOW THIS APPROACH, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW INSTANCES WHERE CONTRACTOR PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY APPEARED TO US TO BE POSSIBLY OUT OF BOUND.

4. THE GD REP SAID THAT WAS THE SECOND POINT OF THIS NATURE THAT HE WISHED TO RAISE. HE HAS HEARD THAT THE MISSION IS REPORTING CONTRACTOR ACTIVITY THAT DOES NOT APPEAR TO SQUARE WITH THE NEW POLICY AND ITS ACCOMPANYING REQUIREMENTS. GD REP WAS INFORMED THAT MISSION HAS SENT SEVERAL TELEGRAMS TO WASHINGTON DESCRIBING SITUATIONS THAT WE KNEW OR HAD HEARD WERE TAKING PLACE HERE AND SEEMED TO US TO CONTRAVENE NEW REQUIREMENTS, WITH REQUEST FOR WASHINGTON VIEWS. WE HAD EVERY INTENTION OF CONTINUING TO DO THIS, AND BELIEVE IT IN EVERYONE'S INCLUDING THE CONTRACTORS, INTEREST.

5. GD REP EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THIS BACKGROUND.
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